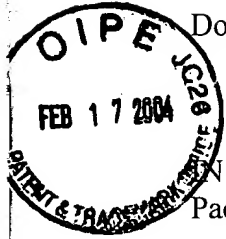


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF
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[] Applicant hereby petitions for a 2 -month extension and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the 2 month after the due date of . The payment of \$ to cover the month extension is enclosed herewith.

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The present communication responds to the office action mailed November 12, 2003.

Prior to the present communication, Claims 1-6, 8-16 and 18 were pending. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 11-15 were allowed. Claimed 10 was deemed to be allowable if rewritten. Claims 16 and 18 were rejected as obvious in view of the prior art. The present communication amends claims 10 and 16. Claim 18 is canceled. The amendments to the claims begin at page 3.

No amendments have been made to the specification.

No amendments have been made to the drawings.

The remarks begin at page 8.